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"Belfast" Marine Gaoled

London, Dec. 29. "Definitely not," was the reply given by a 17-year-old Portsmouth girl when asked at Winchester. Assizes if she still wanted to marry the man in the dock, who had pleaded guilty to a charge of taking her away from her mother while she was under age.

She agreed that she had been fond of the man, Roy Voller, aged 20, a deserter from the Royal Marines, and had wanted to marry him. When asked by his counsel, Mr. Back, if she thought Voller was fond of her, she answered bitterly, "He said he was."

Voller, who asked for three cases of stealing, and one of false pretences to be taken into consideration, was sentenced by Mr. Justice Wrottesley to 12 months' imprisonment.

"I expect you show some sense," was the judge's comment when the girl said she did not want to marry Voller. Mr. Back said that by the time Voller was 18 he had a record of active service of which any grown man might be proud. When 14, he joined the Marines in 1940, and in the following year was posted to H.M.S. Manchester, conveying in the Mediterranean. She was torpedoed and Voller, then 15, was posted to H.M.S. Emerald, and later to H.M.S. Belfast, in which he served until taking part in D-Day operations.

Passion For Sea

When, at the age of 18, Voller returned to shore duties he found the parade ground routine irksome, and wanted to break his 12-year contract with the Marines. During the war he had formed a passion for the sea and wanted to go into the Merchant Navy.

His application to have his contract with the Royal Marines altered to a war-time one was rejected, and Voller, frustrated, seemed to go off the rails completely.

His parents, said Mr. Back, had been separated for many years, his father being in London and his mother in Colombo.

Describing his offence as "a wild escapade of two very silly young people," Mr. Back said that Voller still desired to marry the girl. Voller was certain when he took her away that her parents would not have agreed to their marriage.

Passing sentence, the judge said: "What I observe in your case is not so much subtlety in seducing this girl. She's been rather silly, I think. Twelve months in prison will show you that your foolish, defiant, and criminal acts are not worth it."

U.K. FUEL PROBLEM CRISIS Threat To Britain's Industrial Recovery Cabinet Greatly Concerned

London, Dec. 28. The British fuel problem has reached crisis proportions, and is threatening not only the success of the country's export drive but her industrial recovery as a whole.

The threat of the great Austin automobile plant at Northfield, Birmingham, to close down last week brought matters to a head. Lack of coal is the main trouble, but another, nearly as serious, is the present insufficiency of electricity supply.

The two factors are inter-linked, and their impact upon the Labour Government's plans for socialisation of industry is causing the Cabinet the greatest concern.

Coal shortage nearly wrecked Britain's war effort. It is now the foremost challenge to her peace-time rehabilitation. The coal shortage dates back to 1940, when, after the fall of France, the British Government then in power permitted many miners to leave the pits and go into the Services or into munitions work. A considerable number of these miners, after working above ground, were determined that they would never return to the pits. The industry's manpower, therefore, is at its lowest.

Not Enough. With this minimum manpower, the Ministry of Fuel and Power, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, has been getting increased production in recent months, but the proportion of gain is not sufficient to meet the demand.

Labour's nationalisation of mines, which by its psychological effect was expected to increase output, has not done so noticeably, though Labour supporters argue that its benefit will be felt in the long-term stage.

The electricity supply shortage is not due to manpower shortage; it is caused by the fact that Britain is using nearly 70 per cent more electricity than in 1939. Britain's war effort was largely built up on electricity, aided by the country's electric "grid" system, from which any district can be supplied.

Position Critical. Today, the electricity supply industry—which is about to be nationalised—is still working with plant badly in need of overhaul, and with insufficient turbo-generators, which Britain manufactures as well as any country in the world. But not even nationalisation can speed the rate of production of new generators. Ironically enough, this depends partly upon the supplies of electricity.

At the moment, the position is critical. Each time there is a period of intense cold, people, for lack of coal, not only switch on electric fires but purchase extra fuel. And the industry uses something like 20,000,000 tons of coal a year.—Reuter.

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Next to widows over 40 years of age, whose rate of marriage is described as "astoundingly high," women from the ages of 16 to 23 are considered to be those most likely find husbands.

In the latter age group, stenographers, secretaries and saleswomen are given foremost chances of matrimony, not only because they meet more men but because of their usual good looks.

"A woman with good looks still has the best chances," the registrar in the suburb of Schooneboert said. "Formerly, many men married women for their money. Today, when no one has any property worth mentioning, this motive has been shunted into the background and good looks mean more."

Women between the ages of 25 and 35 have less hope of finding husbands, said the registrar, because the war has torn the greatest gap in the ranks of men of these ages.—Associated Press.

Cairo, Dec. 29. The Egyptian Prime Minister, Nokrashi Pasha, conferred for an hour yesterday with Sir Ronald Campbell, the British Ambassador, on the future status of the Sudan. Whether the two made any progress toward agreement was not disclosed.—Associated Press.

WINSTON TO JOSEF

London, Dec. 28. Mr. Winston Churchill sent greetings to Generalissimo Stalin on his 67th birthday last Saturday, it was disclosed today.

Churchill wired Stalin, "All personal good wishes on your birthday, my wartime comrade."

Stalin replied, "My warm thanks for your good wishes on my birthday."—United Press.

DRUG STORES WANTED

London, Dec. 29.

The Luton, Bedfordshire, Youth Council, after a survey, said that the young people of England want, among other things, drug stores patterned after those in the United States, where they can gather socially—and they want more understanding and sympathy from their parents.

The report said some parents seem jealous of opportunities now offered to their sons and daughters, and take the stand: "We never had these opportunities, why should they?" "We have had it in the nerves of the grown-up," said the Council, "so that parents are not so sympathetic toward their children."

There is a feeling that some parents are negative. "Young people generally do not want estrangement, understanding and sympathy are absolutely necessary in adolescence."—Associated Press.

8th Army Corporal Murder

London, Dec. 28.

Thomas John Ley, 61-year-old former New South Wales Minister of Justice, described as a company director, was one of three men who appeared in a West London Magistrate's Court yesterday charged with the murder of a former Eighth Army corporal, John McBain Mudie.

The other two accused were John William Buckingham, 49, and Lawrence Smith, 39. Mudie's body was found in a chalk pit in the country near London four weeks ago.

The three men were remanded in custody until next Friday. After being demobilised, Mudie worked at a hotel in Reigate—a small country town near London. He left the hotel one day and did not return. Later his body was found in the chalk pit with a rope round his neck.—Reuter.

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Soviet Surprise Proposal

New York, Dec. 29. Soviet Russia proposed in a surprise move today that the United Nations Security Council fix a three month time limit for drafting a world-wide arms reduction programme.

The Soviet move came as the United Nations atomic energy commission neared a showdown on its first atomic control report—one of the major steps in the general arms limitation plan as approved by the United Nations Assembly Dec. 14.

In a letter to Secretary General Trygve Lie, Soviet Delegate Andrei Gromyko called for immediate action on the whole programme without waiting for final action on atomic control.

He submitted a formal resolution outlining the new Soviet proposals and asked that they be placed on the agenda of the Security Council's next meeting Dec. 31.

M. Gromyko proposed: 1.—That the Security Council proceed with the working out of practical measures on the implementation of the General Assembly's decision of Dec. 14 on the world arms limitation programme.

2.—That it establish immediately a 11 nation commission to prepare and submit specific proposals on the entire plan "within a period of from one to two months but not later than three months" from now.

Until publication of the Soviet proposals it had been generally assumed that no specific action could be taken on general arms reduction until basic agreement had been reached on atomic control.—Associated Press.

Varying shades of yellow and greens are among the colours being used by the Dyers and Finishers' Association for Fabrics which will be used to make next year's smart clothes—party frocks and gay sports outfits.

And the dark navy blue, no longer in prime demand for uniforms, again will give the smart English man and woman dressy, sultry in the shades they have wanted so long.

The rubber boots, or dinghies? They are being sold as holiday gifts, to give the children more sport at the seaside next year.—Associated Press.

Princess Elizabeth is not engaged, but it is only because of a normal, affectionate father's solicitude for his normal, romantic 20-year-old daughter's happiness.

Both direct and indirect over the world, advised against immediate engagement. He agreed that the Princess is extremely fond of Prince Philip of Greece and their engagement probably would have been announced by now except for the mild opposition of her father, King George.

But sources in a position to know insist in all parts of London that the King has never offered any objections to the marriage because of its political implications. According to those privy to Buckingham Palace talks, the Princess told her father of her affection for the Queen's Prince and the King, reacting like fathers all over the world, advised against immediate engagement. He agreed that the Princess is extremely fond of Prince Philip of Greece and their engagement probably would have been announced by now except for the mild opposition of her father, King George.

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AIR DISASTER STATEMENT

Shannon Airport, Dec. 28. An official statement on the Shannon air disaster in which 12 people were killed yesterday said: "The primary cause of the accident involving the Trans-World Airlines Constellation near Shannon Airport, is still unknown.

Marks indicate that the plane travelled some distance in contact with the ground until there was an explosion followed by fire in portions of scattered wreckage. The passengers and members of the crew were scattered over a considerable area and rescue work was made extremely difficult due to the darkness and inaccessibility of the crash area."—Reuter.

"DESERT QUEEN" ARRIVES

Paris, Dec. 29.

Countess Marguerite D. Andurien, the "uncrowned Queen of the Arabian desert," who is accused of poisoning her 26-year-old cousin, arrived in Paris under heavy guard today from Nice.

Despite the secrecy surrounding her arrival in company with three armed guards, she was met by more than 30 newsmen and photographers straining for a look at the faded beauty of a face which reportedly lured three men to death during the adventures long career of supposed international intrigue.

The "curious," however, were disappointed. As the countess's petite brown-haired figure descended from a private third class car at Gare de Lyon her face was completely shrouded in a scotch plaid muffler. She wore a mink coat and fur-lined shoes.

The police prevented reporters from getting close to her and sped her in a car to the jail in Palais de Justice.—United Press.

POOTUNG BLACK-OUT

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

The whole of Pootung, on the opposite side of the Whangpoo River to Shanghai today was threatened with complete blackout as a result of damage by a large American steamer on Christmas Day of the submarine electric cable laid across the river from Shanghai.

The electricity supply company issued a warning to all factories in the district west of the river against using their power current. Repairs to the cable are now being pushed and are expected to be completed in about one week's time.

A claim for payment of full damage was said to have been presented by the Pootung Electric Supply Company to the American Consulate in Shanghai, the agents for the steamer. The cable, struck by the submarine, was at 2 p.m. December 25.—United Press.

'Cease-Fire' Order In Indo-China

Paris, Dec. 28. The Viet Nam authorities tonight issued a cease-fire order to the Executive committee of the Nambo-Viet Nam Underground organisation in Southern Indo-China—in order to avoid prejudicing the French Colonial Minister, M. Marius Moutet against the Viet Nameuse point of view in the current Franco-Viet Nam strife, according to a report received here from Saigon.

Nambo guerillas were ordered to maintain their positions but not to engage in any aggressive hostilities, the report added. Earlier, Nambo forces were said to have been alerted for action in Southern Indo-China. There were indications in Indo-China tonight that the Viet Nameuse were preparing the ground for a possible truce overture, the Saigon report added.

Saigon newspapers in the Annamite language, hitherto pro-Nationalist, today urged the French and Viet Nameuse to return to the military and political positions they occupied before October 1941.

Meanwhile earlier reports stated that French troops were making slow but steady progress in the mopping up operations in Hanol. French troops had recaptured certain points in the southern part of Hanol after "heavy fighting" a French War Office spokesman said. Civilians in the city were short of food but were able to leave if they wished.

Receiving "extremely valuable aid" from the native population, the French troops had forged ahead in the other areas, the spokesman continued. They had recaptured the garrison quarter at Bac Meinh and had dispersed Viet Nam attacks at Hongay and Hai Duong. The attacks also officially reported to be weaker at the most critical French position in Rhy Lang Thung, where a garrison of almost 2,000 was surrounded. Another beleaguered French garrison at Nam Dinh was also reported to be holding off Viet Nam attackers successfully, the spokesman said. The vital road from Hanol running northwards to Langson on the Chinese border, had been completely freed of Viet Nam troops.

Total French Strength. The total French strength in Indo-China was said to be 100,000 including Naval personnel strongly represented along the coast, which they are dominating easily. French officials estimated that the Viet Nameuse also have about 100,000 men under arms, but they were armed for guerilla warfare rather than for serious fighting.

They are believed by the French General Staff to have only ten outmoded guns as artillery, but their automatic weapons are said to be the latest American models "some of them so new that they were not used even in the last stages of the World War."

Two large French troop transports are on the high seas at the moment, while the 48,000-ton French liner Ile de France is timed to leave Cherbourg today where she would disembark 8,000 trainees and embark another contingent of trained soldiers believed to be around the 9,000 mark. Putting into Toulon, on the Mediterranean coast, the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

45,000 Chinese Repats.

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

More than 45,000 additional Chinese, wishing to return to their overseas homes will be repatriated within the next six months from five ports in China, according to an announcement by the Chinese National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

Shanghai, Canton, Swatow, Amoy and Foochow have been chosen as repatriation centres from which overseas Chinese will be sent to Malaya, Burma, the Philippines and French Indo-China.

The announcement reveals that in Rangoon CNRA is at present caring for overseas Chinese returned to Burma but unable to proceed to their pre-war homes pending negotiations between the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Burmese Government, which to date has withheld entry permits for returning Chinese.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

The intense anticyclone over China is moving eastward. Pressure remains very low N.E. of Japan and has risen somewhat over the equatorial regions.

Today's Forecast: Freshening E winds, weather cloudy, becoming partly cloudy for a time during the day.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 61 deg. Fah. Minimum: 49 deg. Fah. Humidity: 73 per cent. Sunshine: 10.1 hours. Rainfall: Nil.

Santa Claus Came Up Trumps

Birmingham, Dec. 28. A little girl's request to "Father Christmas, North Pole" has had a heavy sequel. Eleven days ago five year old Margaret Todd of Hall Green, Birmingham, addressed a letter to "Father Christmas, North Pole, Ireland," which read: "Dear Father Christmas. Will you please bring me a board and easel or painting book. I think I have been a good girl. Love from Margaret."

Today, the head postmaster at Birmingham Post Office sent out his own official card, chauffeur and assistant superintendent, and a postman to deliver a parcel received from "Father Christmas, Norway," addressed to Margaret.

Margaret's letter had been put in the foreign post box for Norway by a sorter at the Birmingham General Post Office. Today, the Birmingham General Post Office received a parcel together with a letter from the "Chief-in-charge" of the Oslo Post Office, asking for it to be forwarded.

"Santa's letter read 'Dear Margaret. When I received your letter I immediately opened your book where I have noted the names of good children in

all the world. I am now in Norway for a short time and may perhaps come to Birmingham on Christmas Eve, but remember I am in a great hurry now. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Love from Father Christmas."

The parcel contained four Norwegian painting books and two boxes of crayons. Margaret's letter was written without the knowledge of her parents. The letter bore only a 2/12d stamp. The postage to Norway is 3d.

Margaret is now more than ever convinced that the only way of making sure of getting what she wants for Christmas is "by personal application to Santa Claus."—Reuter.

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SELF-GOVERNMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES

Register For Jury Duty---Now!

A Government spokesman has requested that a final warning be given to the public that failure to comply with the jury notice which appeared in the Press on Dec. 2 renders offenders liable to a penalty fine of \$100.

Several firms and individuals have not yet registered and they are reminded that this has to be done on or before Jan. 1.

It is stressed that the full Christian names and not initials should be given, and also the private addresses of each member or employee of any particular firm registering.

Individuals who are members or employees of a firm are particularly requested not to send in separate registration but to see that their names are included in the firm list.

Jury forms may be had on application at the Registry, Supreme Court.

ORANGES'N APPLES

The local market will be flooded with American oranges and apples this week when strike-bound ships from the U.S. Pacific Coast arrive in close succession bringing much delayed cargo.

The s.s. "Lightning" due Jan. 2 is alone bringing an estimated cargo of over 10,000 cases.

A record drop in prices is expected, and importers have for some time past been scratching their heads in anxiety as to how to get rid of the accumulated arrivals without serious loss.

Readers' Letters

Added

Sir,—The article written by Mrs. Hilda Selwyn-Clarke and published in your issue of December 29 strikes me as being one of the best examples of added thinking I have yet come across.

The whole tone of the article appears to be that "American imperialism" in China should cease, only to be replaced by British imperialism. Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke becomes rhapsodic over Anglo-Chinese amity and then has the audacity to try to justify the retention of Hong Kong by the British.

She says that "The Chinese Communists have no intention of transplanting the Soviet model to China." I don't know which Communists Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke has been talking to, but those I talk to would take issue with this statement.

Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke further declares that "Britain has no policy in China" at the present time. Since Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke apparently is not aware of just what the British policy is, I leave the accuracy of her statement for such men as Sir Ralph Stevenson, Mr. Cyril Rogers, Sir Leslie Boyce, and Sir Mark Young to judge. She says Britain no longer has any responsibilities in China, and then criticizes America for the way in which it is attempting to carry out its responsibilities. Still later she says "It is time we (Brit-

Three-Day Holiday

Passage of China's Draft Constitution by the National Assembly will be celebrated by Chinese in Hong Kong with a three-day holiday for all schools and public organisations commencing on New Year's Day.

All shops, business houses, clubs and associations will display the National Flag for three days, and on New Year's Day a mass public meeting will be held at the King's Theatre when addresses will be made from the platform on the significance of the occasion.

Shortness of the notice from Nanking prevented a more elaborate display, as it was originally intended to hold also a lantern procession at night.

Rangoon, Dec. 29. U Aung San, Deputy Chairman of the Burma Governor's Executive Council, warned the Burma "People's Volunteer Corps"—armed bands of young men in the service of the Burmese Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League—to be prepared for an emergency if the London "Independence talks" on the future of Burma failed. —Reuter.

Russia Sends Out Her Colonists

Moscow, Dec. 28. Hundreds of thousand of Soviet citizens have been transplanted to the newly acquired Russian territories since the readjustment of borders caused by the war, and the flow of colonists is continuing unabated in a major resettlement of population.

In recent months, scattered reports have appeared in the Russian press on the progress of Soviet settlement in Karelian Isthmus, which was acquired in the treaty with Finland; South

After the return of the Civil Administration to Hong Kong, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Mark Young, announced that H.M. Government had decided to grant the inhabitants of Hong Kong a greater measure of self-government. There was much satisfaction over the subsequent broadcast of His Excellency on Aug. 28 and as a result, all sections of the community took a keen interest in the question and freely expressed their views.

In the Lam Ma Village, New Territories, a practical experiment in self-government has already come into being. The experiment is being conducted under the supervision and direction of the District Officer.

Several of the nearby villages have elected well-educated and public spirited citizens to implement the schemes for self-government.

All arms which were previously used for the protection of the villages have been handed over to the person elected in order that necessary action might be taken for the protection of the villages.

At the moment, the place has become a happy centre of self-government.

His Excellency the Governor has paid a visit to the district and, in expressing pleasure over the efforts of the villagers, voiced the hope that the scheme would prove to be a lasting success.

The village of Lam Ma was selected for a practical experiment in self-government in con-

sequence of the inhabitants becoming dissatisfied with the manner in which a certain Ration Depot was handling the distribution of foodstuffs. The result was that the people were afforded an opportunity of expressing their views and of selecting another depot of their own choice to handle distribution of foodstuffs in an equitable manner.

Scope Enlarged. Gradually, from this small beginning, the scope of the scheme became enlarged. A body of men have been elected by the villagers to further the objects of self-government.

The relevant authority has issued the following report on the subject:

"There was much enthusiasm shown by the people of Lam Ma Village over the election. The election was brought about in consequence of dissatisfaction over a Ration Depot.

"The District Officer notified all village folk regarding the system of voting at the election, which was fixed for Dec. 19.

Kat Fong's. "The Village elders stated that it was not necessary to ask for the views of the people. The system of election was that the Village elders should elect the Kat Fong, which body was to comprise three persons, one of whom was to be Chairman.

"The District Officer was of the opinion that any resident of the district above the age of 21 years should have power to vote. In the absence of the person entitled to vote, his wife would be allowed to vote in his stead. The Village elders were not in favour of the scheme, but as the people were unanimous in their approval of the suggestion put forward by the District Officer, it was accepted.

"At noon on Dec. 19, the election was held at Yung Shu Wan when a large number of votes was registered.

Boom Year For Embezzlers

New York, Dec. 29. This has been a boom year for embezzlers in the United States. They have walked off with \$100,000,000—more than \$250,000 a day.

The reason, according to the experts: Big Business is so busy making money that it has little time to watch its pockets.

Mr. Kenneth Wood, an official of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, said: "Embezzlers are never professional crooks, and they usually steal with the purest of motives. They are only the nicest people."

Mr. Wood has been chasing them for 32 years. This is his description of the "average embezzler."

"About 35 years old. Married with two children. He is brighter than the average worker and he

Giral Cabinet To Fold Up?

Paris, Dec. 28.

The Spanish Republican Government in exile, headed by Jose Giral, may dissolve and transfer its authority to a non-Government Council, representing all parties in Spain, if the views put forward at yesterday's meeting of the Giral Cabinet prevail. These views are shared by a big proportion of the 80,000 Spanish exiles in France, among whom feeling is growing that the Giral Government has fulfilled its mission by getting the United Nations to take action against General Francisco Franco.

In some circles it is felt, however, that the Giral Government is incapable of getting Franco out of office because its attitude on the future regime in Spain is too rigid.

It is felt that the time has come for the formation of an all-party council of a non-Governmental character, which would be free to enter into contact with all elements in Spain, including Anti-Franco Catholics, military and Monarchists.

The move corresponds to the formation inside Spain of the alliance of Democratic forces representing all sections of Anti-Franco opinion which, a month ago, issued a manifesto urging the future regime—Republic or Monarchy—should be left to the Spanish people to decide once Franco had been forced to go.—Reuter.

K.C.C. DANCE

Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club are reminded that admission to the New Year's Eve Dance is by ticket only; these are obtainable through the Secretary (Mr. R. T. Burch) c/o S. Moutrie & Co., Ltd.

Washington, Dec. 28. The Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, today said that even if the United Nations meeting was completely successful the United States must retain its military force strong enough to withstand any sudden attack. He said this was necessitated by the development of atomic and other weapons.—United Press.

Fascinated By Accent Of P.O.W.s.

Birmingham, Dec. 29.

"There was a fascination in the accents of the prisoners and I cannot really explain why I carried on," a woman of forty told police who questioned her about her friendship with German prisoners of war.

The woman, Mrs. Gladys M. Nickless, of Red Lion-street, Alvechurch, Worcestershire, was fined \$10 at Birmingham Magistrates' Court for conveying articles to prisoners likely to help them to escape.

On the same charge a girl of seventeen, Betty Jean Sheldon, of Beakes Hill-road, King's Norton, Birmingham, and a third woman, Mrs. Elsa Marion Warr, 26, of Livingstone-road, King's Heath, Birmingham, were fined \$6 and \$3 respectively.

Mrs. Warr, however, was fined another \$100 for harbouring in her house an escaped German prisoner, Ernst Gehrke, who was eventually recaptured in a boat in the Channel near Dover last September.

Mr. M. P. Pugh, prosecuting, said the women had been associating with prisoners who had worked near Mrs. Warr's former home.

The matter came to light because Miss Sheldon's father had complained about a German prisoner calling on her.

Mrs. Warr had told the police that she had not helped Gehrke to escape, but had only helped a French girl, Micheline Rago, because she was fond of her.

Gehrke's Lover

Micheline, said Mr. Pugh, was Gehrke's lover. She had come to Britain from France with a passport which was in order and was now back in Paris.

Micheline and Gehrke had both stayed in Mrs. Warr's house.

Of Mrs. Nickless, Mr. Pugh said: "Her hair has turned grey, she says she has lost a stone in weight, and her relations with her husband have been gravely impaired."

Miss Sheldon had told the police that after her father had objected to her association she had burned over 100 "very sentimental" letters from another German prisoner, Karl Kruse.

She added: "I have no intention of seeing Karl again. I have taken up with an English boy and realise how foolish I was to have taken up with the German."

Inspector Lowe, of the Birmingham C.I.D., said that Mrs. Warr was now divorced.

Mrs. Nickless had two children, one of whom was in the Marine Commandos.

TSUYEE PEI IN CANTON

Canton, Dec. 29. Mr. Tsuyee Pei, Governor of the Central Bank of China, accompanied by Mr. Cyril Rogers, British Financial adviser to the Chinese Government and 13 financial experts, arrived here by train from Hong Kong this afternoon.

The party will remain here for two days to hold discussions with Canton's leading financial and businessmen before returning to Shanghai on New Year's Eve.—Central News.

"There Is A Limit To Patience"

Batavia, Dec. 29.

General Soedirman, commander-in-chief of the Indonesian Republican army, accused the Dutch forces today of jeopardizing "the sovereignty and independence" of the East Indies and said "the time has come for the Indonesians to show their power."

In the most outspoken military statement since the recent withdrawal of the British troops, Soedirman said in a radio address that there was "a limit to the patience and tolerance of the Indonesian people."

His speech was made after a conference with President Soekarno.

Soedirman said the recent truce with the Dutch pending negotiations of an agreement recognizing the republic was "by no means an order to cease our struggle for independence."

He urged revival of the fighting spirit among Indonesians, to meet the "quality" of the Dutch forces and asked his followers to send arms and supplies to the fighting fronts.

A Dutch army spokesman said the Netherlands troops had participated only in defensive actions since the truce of Oct. 15 and declared that Indonesian infiltration past the limits set by the truce was responsible for the recent clashes.

The spokesman added that 10 shooting incidents had been reported Dec. 26 from Bandoeng and Soerabaya fronts alone.—Associated Press.

Misrule In Iran

London, Dec. 28.

Teheran radio today broadcast a joint statement by the editors of leading Teheran newspapers calling on the Iranian Government to open an investigation into the activities of the Tudeh (Democratic) Party in the north, lying between the Caspian Sea and the Elburz mountains.

The editors, who have been on a week's visit of inquiry in the provinces, asserted that "members of the Tudeh Party maintained a form of autonomy in Mazandaran, which enabled them to concentrate in their hands the entire economy of the province."

They alleged that "murders, rape and criminal assaults were committed by Tudeh Party members and their satellites" and suggested that the Iranian Government set up a special tribunal for the punishment of offenders.—Reuter.

International Brains Trust

Paris, Dec. 28.

Representatives of Switzerland, Belgium, Britain and France will speak in an international Brains Trust on New Year's Eve, in which one question will be: "Shall we preserve the peace in 1947?"

The debate has been organised by Radio Diffusion Française, centralised through the Paris radio studio and using radiophonic cables.

The debate is described as "an unprecedented technical feat"—Reuter.

Baghdad, Dec. 28.

Government interference in the freedom of the present Iraq election campaign was alleged today by Mohammed Haddad, Minister of Supply, and Ali Mummaz, Minister of Communications, and Works when they resigned from the coalition Cabinet of General Nuri es Said Pasha. Their resignation had not yet been accepted.—Reuter.

"Cease-Fire" Order In Indo-China

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litter would fill up with "an important number" of more troops and then sail for Indo-China, it was stated tonight.—Reuter.

Peace Moves?

Paris, Dec. 29.

The French High Command reports that its troops fought their way into the strategic rail junction of Phu Lang Thuong, 30 miles northeast of Hanoi, against dwindling Viet Nam resistance. The French Press Agency, meanwhile, reported peace moves by the Viet Nam Government but confirmation of the report was uncertain.

The Saigon communique said two Viet Nam attacks in Hanoi were repulsed. It reported a fluid situation with Viet Nam resistance easing up in some sectors but stiffening in others.

The French Command said reinforcements moved up from Bac Ninh on the road between Hanoi and Phu Lang Thuong to the latter town, from which Viet Nam forces retired.

Whether they were yielding the entire town was uncertain.

The communique said an unspecified number of Dominican Brothers and other French missionaries, who had been caught in Phu Lang Thuong by hostilities were missing.—United Press.

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ALLEGED RAPE OF GIRL BY TWO U.S. MARINES

Death Of Old Macao Resident

Macao, Dec. 27. The death occurred here on Wednesday of Francisco Xavier Anacleto da Silva after a long illness.

Of a well-known local family, Mr. da Silva was for many years an "elected chairman" of the Municipal Council when that position was filled by popular will instead of by a single Government bill. His democratic personality earned him a seat in the Portuguese Parliament where as the Macao Representative, he fought for the betterment of conditions for the local boy. When the education of the local boy was at stake by an impending curtailment of the curriculum, he successfully opposed the measure. He was also a noted Roman Catholic and was commended by Pius X.

A resident of Hong Kong for a number of years, he was a member of the Hong Kong Share-brokers' Association.

He leaves a widow and children undergoing education in Portugal.—Our Own Correspondent.

"Portal To Portal" Suit

Philadelphia, Dec. 29. The United Steel Workers of America (CIO) filed the largest "portal to portal" suit yet entered—\$200,000,000 back pay—against the Bethlehem Steel Company and its parent firm, Bethlehem Steel Corp.

The demand, which is on behalf of 20 local unions with 13,000 members, may reach the \$500,000,000 mark when 27,000 other union members join the suit.—United Press.

LOST CARGO FOUND

Manila, Dec. 29. Several thousand tons of incoming cargo considered to have been pilfered months ago was found by custom inspectors clearing out Manila's piers for the expected arrival of a flood of freight from the United States and Europe during the next fortnight.

Thirty ships with 120,000 tons of cargo are expected to enter the harbour the next two weeks. But the pier congestion will be greatly lessened compared with earlier this year, according to Customs Collector Alfredo de Leon who said 50,000 tons of sheltered cargo storage space is now available.—Associated Press.

TREASURE TROVE?

San Francisco, Dec. 28. Two Australians have purchased rights to a blasted Japanese defence post at Lae, in New Guinea, for four dollars and hope to find medical equipment worth \$40,000. Radio Australia reported today.

They are also expected to find some 3,000 dead Japanese, as the defence post was blasted shut by the Australians during the fighting. Numerous Japanese were believed to have been trapped in the subterranean caverns.—United Press.

Fell In Love With His Half-Sister

London, Dec. 28. The announcement that a soldier was planning to marry a girl to whom he had proposed was offered to Mr. Justice Hilbery at Stafford. Asizes in proof of his intention to end a disastrous association.

The judge was told that affection which had been entertained by the man, 29-year-old William Henry Davies, for his half-sister was ended.

He hoped on demobilization to marry the other woman, Miss Kathleen Smith, of Wolverhampton, for whom he had bought a ring. It was not until he had broken his association with his half-sister he was prepared to re-entail in the Army. He did not wish to see his home again.

Sitting side by side in the dock, Davies, and his half-sister, Mary Florence Beards, aged 23, a capstan operator, both belonging to Wolverhampton, listened to the recital of a strange love-story. Davies pleaded guilty to incest, and his half-sister to perverting the offence.

Mr. E. Terrell, prosecuting, explained that the two people had the same mother. Davies was born out of wedlock in 1917, and later his mother married John Edward Beards. Mary Florence Beards was born in lawful wedlock in 1923.

Davies went to live with his cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Beards and his half-sister, owing to their poor circumstances, were accommodated in an institution and in Wolverhampton Cottage Homes.

Kissing
Mr. Terrell told how a police officer went to Philip Street, Wolverhampton, to arrest Davies on a charge of being a deserter, and found him and his half-sister embracing and kissing.

His complaint was ignored, and letters which came into the hands of the police proved conclusively that there was a daughter and a son, both of whom were only taken to the half-sister and furnished the police with letters, on which the charge was based, and had gone all she could to assist them.

The United States Marine Headquarters here issued the first statement regarding the alleged rape incident on Christmas Eve in which it disclosed that the second Marine involved had been arrested by MPs.

The United Press was reliably informed that the second Marine was identified last night and was immediately jailed by the Marine Police. It was also learned that he testified that the girl was known to both of them and they escorted her to the Peking Hotel from a YMCA Christmas Eve party and denied that they accosted her as she left the Pavilion Cinema.

The arrest followed a three days search in which a score of leather-necks were questioned.

The headquarters announced that "when a combined statement prepared from evidence produced by joint investigation has been completed, appropriate action will be taken without delay."

Meanwhile, students of the Peking University here exploiting the alleged rape attempt launched an anti-American campaign today demanding United States armed forces to quit China.

Carrying more than 20 placards with such phrases as "American Forces Must Leave China" and "Protect Our Girls" (the girl involved is a college student) the majority of the University's 3,000 students staged a mass demonstration and voted a nine-point resolution demanding:

1. A protest must be made to United States authorities regarding the incident;
2. The Marines involved must be given a public trial;
3. Marine authorities must make public apology;
4. The Marines must give guarantees to prevent recurrence of such incidents;
5. A due indemnity must be paid to the girl;
6. American armed forces must withdraw as soon as possible from China;
7. All schools and universities in north China should participate in a general protest against the incident;
8. Chinese women's clubs and organizations should join the campaign against continuance of United States forces in China;
9. The Government should issue a statement regarding its stand.—United Press.

NO ALIENS WANTED

Washington, Dec. 28. Clarence J. Brown, of Oregon, contender for the House Republican leadership, advocated a Congressional investigation to bar aliens and disloyal Americans from holding high offices in labour unions.

"It is important that organizations of such tremendous importance be headed by citizens of unquestioned loyalty," he said. He suggested that union leaders be required to take loyalty oaths.—United Press.

JOHN COLTON DEAD

Gainsville, Texas, Dec. 29. John Colton, 60, author of "Rain," "Shanghai Gestures" and other plays died today after a long illness.

Two of his surviving brothers, George, Jr., and Harvey, are specialists in shipping on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's staff in Tokyo.

Colton was born in Minneapolis but spent his boyhood in Japan.—Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28. Promoter Herman Taylor said today he has a definite arrangement with Joe Louis to defend his heavyweight boxing title next spring at Atlantic City, N.J. He indicated the opponent would be the winner of the bout between Joe Maxim and Joe Wolcott scheduled for Jan. 6.—United Press.

Lived Alone
Mr. E. B. Gibbons, for Mary Florence Beards, stated that she had lived alone for the last 10 years. The first time she and her brother were under the same roof was when they came on leave together—Davies from Burma and his half-sister from the A.T.S.

Mr. Gibbons said the relationship never came sensually to her mind, said Mr. Gibbons. "When they met she fell in love with him," she loved him as a brother, she did not love him as a man.

The announcement that Davies' intention for his half-sister had ended and he hoped to marry Miss Smith was made after the judge had ordered his return to the cell for a consultation with his barrister.

Remarking Davies to sit on the bench, the judge took his amount and the half-sister for four months, and his understanding never to see his half-sister again.

Mr. Gibbons Beards was found over for two years. She was the last woman to see him, she was the last woman to see him, she was the last woman to see him.

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Looking For Security
Baghdad, Dec. 29. Premier Nuri Al Said issued in a press statement yesterday Iraq's desire for good relations with Turkey and Iran, and for greater unity of Arab countries.

"Some newspapers refer to a so-called Eastern bloc of which Iraq is a member," the Premier's statement said. "Iraq seeks relations with her neighbours, including Turkey and Iran."

"This is imperative because neighbour is continuous while relations with more remote states change from time to time," Associated Press.

Grandpop Fell For Bobby-Soxer?
Nashville, Tennessee, Dec. 28. Infatuation for a "bobby-soxer" who had married a man 32 years her senior when she was 13 led a 62-year-old grandfather to burn his wife to death, the prosecution alleged in a murder trial here.

The girl, Bobby Ann Keith, now 16, had been housekeeper to the wife, a semi-invalid.

Fags No Longer Currency

Berlin, Dec. 28. Strong protests from Britain, backed by France and Russia, have led to a ban on the use of cigarettes as "currency" in the legal barter market set up in the American sector of Berlin as from Jan. 15.

The three powers had protested that the United States was violating one of the main clauses of the Potsdam agreement, by permitting the use of cigarettes, which are in short supply in other zones, to win the favour of Germans.

The Potsdam agreement stipulates equal treatment of Germans by all occupying powers.

They argued that by converting its abundant cigarettes into legal tender, the United States had placed the whole nation on a cigarette economy.—Reuter.

Writ of Injunction
Manila, Dec. 29. A local court today granted a writ of injunction, restraining the Secretary of Finance from enforcing an order which would effectively bar more than 1,000 Chinese stall holders from places in city markets.

The judge required \$50,000 bond from Chinese petitioners for the injunction who declared the Secretary's order declaring all stalls vacant Jan. 1 was unconstitutional and violated international law.—Associated Press.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Queen's Building, on Tuesday, 31st December, 1946, at NOON for the purpose of confirming the appointment of the Board of Directors and receiving their Report together with Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1945, and for the period 1st January, 1942 to 31st December, 1945.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
H. D. LAUZ,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 12th Dec. 1946.

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Tenders should be clearly marked: "Tenders for"

ITEM NO. LOT NO. DESCRIPTION GODOWN

1 46/11633 260 Coils Galvanised Iron Straps Sui Bun For West Point

2 46/5799 9 Bales Carpets China Provident 15/16, W. Pt.

3 46/823 115 Kgs Iron Nails do

4 46/701 183 do do

5 46/834 1 Kg do do

6 46/823 1 Lot Small Corkwood 1400 Lbs. HK & K'n Wharf 30/31

7 46/9056 13 Cartons Corkwood do

8 46/9056 1 Lot Cork Slabs do

9 46/9056 1 Case do

10 46/9056 1 Case do

11 46/3604 24 Cartons Rosin do

12 46/9880A 25 Bags Dye do

13 46/9881 15 Bags Carbon Paper do

14 46/9888 6 Drums Blackwood Furniture do

15 46/1439 4 Cases Shellac do

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WILLIAM POWELL LIMITED NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Register of Members was lost or destroyed during the Japanese occupation of the Colony. In order to reconstruct the Register and to protect the interests of shareholders, the Company has as soon as possible with the information called for in a circular dated 27th December 1946 sent by post to all shareholders whose names appeared on the Register at 25th June 1941, the date of the Ordinary General Meeting in 1941.

Any persons beneficially entitled to shares who held certificates not in their own names accompanied by signed instruments of transfer and have lost these during the Japanese occupation of the Colony, and Members or persons who have acquired shares subsequent to the above mentioned date who have not received the circular, are requested to apply for a copy at the office of Messrs. Percy Smith and Company, Chartered Accountants, Windsor House, 12 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, in order that full particulars may be recorded.

D. L. PROPHET,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 27th Dec. 1946.

HELENA MAY INSTITUTE
It is proposed to reopen the Helena May Institute for Women in the near future. Will those who were subscriber members prior to December 25th 1941 who wish to renew their membership please send their names to the Hon. Secretary, Helena May Institute, C/o Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Mercantile Bank Building, when particulars will be supplied. Applications for new membership should be made in writing to the same address. Will intending resident members who have not yet received their Entrance Application Forms please apply for same as above.

J. BULLOCK
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 28th Dec. 1946.

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TAXES & EFFORT

It is well known to students of current economic trends that Britain is at present putting forth a productive effort considerably below the maximum of which it is capable. The frequent appeals by Ministers for higher output testify to the anxiety which the Government themselves feel on this question. Among the causes an important one undoubtedly is the psychological reaction from the strain of war, but another certainly is the lack of incentive due to the penal rates of taxation. At the very moment when there is need of more than ordinary stimulus to effort, taxation is acting as a positive deterrent. Sir Arnold Ridley, the President of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, has made this the main point of a letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer urging substantial tax reliefs in next year's Budget. Basing his argument on the assumption that the present level of taxation would approximately suffice to produce a balanced Budget, he puts forward a series of suggested tax reliefs costing up to something like £200,000,000.

Since there is an inevitable time lag between the application of the stimulus and its effect in raising the national income, the proposal necessarily envisages postponement for another year of the restoration of the era of normally balanced Budgets. By 1948, however, if the reasoning is correct, it is anticipated that the new lower level of taxation would have so far stimulated output as to yield enough to bring the Budget into balance. The question therefore is posed whether it is better to achieve an early Budget balance by continuing austerity taxation at the expense of an expanding national income, or to expand the national income at the expense of an early balanced Budget.

From the standpoint of the national well being, including progress towards covering overseas deficit, there can be little doubt that the second is the better policy. The only question is whether the stimulus would be effective in producing the desired result, and this can be assumed as something sufficiently near a certainty to make the experiment worth while. From every point of view, including the Chancellor's, it is better that he should take a smaller slice out of a larger national cake than a large slice out of a small cake. There is also his own contribution to make in the way of pruning the national expenditure. After the recent enormous increases, especially on the social services, all fresh commitments should be postponed until the country is earning and producing the wherewithal to meet them. Spending on a scale which blunts the will to effort merely ends in defeating its own purpose.

Germany's Secrets

London, Dec. 28. Additional arrangements for the exchange of German technical information required by the United States and Britain since VE-Day, were jointly announced today by the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Stafford Cripps, and the United States Secretary for Commerce, Mr. W. A. Harriman.

The arrangements are complementary to those already in force whereby reports on German industry and technical developments prepared by British and American investigators respectively, are made available to industrialists in both countries.

Hundreds of thousands of important German scientific and technical data, books and documents have been uncovered by British and American investigators in their respective zones, and microfilm copies have been made. Hitherto the exchange of documents between the two nations has been imperfect, but under the present agreement, representatives of each nation will be able to select from each other's storehouse of reports, items which it finds valuable. Copies will be obtained on an exchange basis.

Bombay, Dec. 28. Three were stabbed to death and nine injured in communal disturbances in Bombay today. Two were also burned by acid throwing.—Reuter.

WHAT THE WORLD WAS COMING TO...

"I don't know what the world's coming to," said the rich anarchist.

"Nor do I," said the other rich anarchist.

"You can't do a single thing you want to do without going cap-in hand to some miserable little Government official."

"And what a Government, too."

"Look at the plans for my little place in the country. I've cut the bedrooms down from 14 to 12 and still I can't get a building licence. What am I to do?"

"Go into the black market, I suppose."

"There you are. That's how the Government demoralises you when you want to be honest. Controls make criminals of us all."

"Decent men driven to bribery and corruption."

"You can't even get a seven-course dinner unless you bribe somebody."

"My wife hands the grocer £5 a week."

"Yet they give more meat to the miners."

"Which is only another bribe to make them work."

"That's the trouble today. Nobody wants to work."

"All the working classes want now is something for nothing."

"And houses built for them."

"And to be pampered in their old age."

I wonder what they'd say if I took profits from my company and didn't even ring up my secretary every morning?"

"I wonder how they'd like it if we went on strike?"

"After all, people like us GIVE something to the world."

"And all we get are controls."

"Rather than have this Government, I'd have no Government at all."

"Without a Government you could at least do as you like."

"Eat what you like, wear what you like, and build what you like."

"And let those who can't afford it go without."

"It's their own fault if they can't afford it."

"They don't want to work."

"If I can't make as much as I like and do what I like with it I shall give up work myself."

"So shall I. And live on my capital."

"After all, if you can't build a little place in the country with only 12 bedrooms, and with your own money, what can you do?"

"And if you can't get a seven-course dinner without bribery?"

"I don't know what the world's coming to," said the rich anarchist.

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At that moment the super atomic bomb fell. The earth rocked, the heavens swayed, and a white-hot tempest, shrilled down to ashes and the whole world with them.

Social

"I don't know what the world's coming to," said the ancient bishop. "I really don't."

"Nor do I," said the other ancient bishop. "It's all rather dreadful."

"So far as young people are concerned, moral values simply do not exist."

"It was much the same after the 1914-18 war, only not quite so bad."

"Most people seem to think that war is an excuse for bad behavior, for the relaxation of moral discipline, for displaying virtue and for self-indulgence. I don't think we behaved very badly during war, after the South African War."

"No, we did not. Except for Mafeking night, which was an excusable demonstration of joy and relief among anxious civilians, we behaved very well indeed, though some of the lower orders became rather intoxicated."

"I heard that even the dear Queen took a glass of sherry that night."

"I believe she did. God bless her."

"And, although I was only a curate at the time, I distinctly remember having a glass of claret cup with my mother. It was most enjoyable."

"I'm sure it was. And very proper, too, on such an occasion—especially with your mother. I drank a pint of porter myself—with a cabman."

"A pint? With a cabman?"

"Really?"

"I could see no harm in it, although I was a young curate, not soon forget."

too. Besides, London was very gay at the time—and we are all equal in the sight of God, are we not?"

"Of course, of course."

"And he was a very civil fellow. Very civil and most respectful."

"That's the trouble with the world today. No respect for the cloth."

"You're quite right, my dear bishop. That's the root of the whole trouble. Of course, one realises that recent wars have had more effect on people than the South African War, when there were no hardships for anybody, but the gallant fellows at the front. But hardship is no excuse for cynicism."

"Certainly not. Past experience has shown that the greater the hardships the more people turn to religion. The greater the suffering, the greater the need for spiritual consolation."

"But instead of turning to religion they now turn to politics. They vote Socialist because they believe it to be practical Christianity."

"They do not believe the Church will help them any more. They put their trust in politicians."

"Only the other day a young fellow said to me, 'If we don't like the Government we can turn it out; but if we don't like you, we can't do anything about it.'"

"What do they want? A general election for the clergy?"

"Marriage vows mean nothing to them any more. Chastity is as rare as rubies."

"Rarer, in fact. Only last week I bought my dear wife a ruby brooch smuggled in from Switzerland."

"Their leisure hours are spent in drinking and dancing."

"Or going to the cinema or the theatre."

"Juvenile crime is on the increase."

"There is no respect for parents."

"The churches are less than half full."

"There is no morality anywhere."

"Really," said the ancient bishop, "I don't know what the world is coming to."

"Nor do I," said the other ancient bishop.

At that moment 10,000 aircraft flew over, raining a ghastly dew of gamma rays which withered the two bishops and the whole world, leaving nothing but withered trees, sighing in the last winds of heaven.

Domestic

"I don't know what the world's coming to," said the sulky matron. "I really don't."

"Nor do I," said the other sulky matron.

"My last pair of nylons last-

dered this morning—and the maid gave notice."

"I've had three maids in six months. They all asked double pre-war wages and wanted to be called Miss Smith and Miss Brown. I wonder who they think they are!"

"There was a time when you had them lining up with their references and they curtailed every time you spoke to them."

"There was a time when I called my maids what I liked. If I wanted to call them Jane I called them Jane, especially if they had fanciful names like Pamela or Cynthia."

"Fancy a maid daring to call herself Cynthia?"

"And they had ten shillings a week, foreign meat for lunch, marmalade for tea, and no followers."

"If you can get one at all now she smokes at her work and has the radio on all day."

"And if your husband's home a minute late for dinner she gives notice."

"A maid I had told my husband off for being late and asked him where he'd been. She said, 'Don't give me that stuff about being kept late at the office.'"

"If a maid said a thing like that to my husband I'd be suspicious."

"I was and fired her that evening. It was the first time I've fired a maid since 1939."

"It must have been a great pleasure."

"It was, but it meant doing all the washing up for weeks and weeks. And all the sweeping and cleaning."

"And scrubbing and making the beds and cooking?"

"And shopping and trying to charm the butcher in shabby clothes without time to cope with your face."

"That's the trouble today, no time to do anything but housework."

"No time to dress nicely if you had anything to wear."

"No time for a hair-do; no time for a facial."

"At an age when we need it most."

"I wonder our husbands come home at all."

"If I'd known I was going to be turned into a middle-aged household drudge I would have remained single."

"So would I, in a bachelor flat with no housework."

"And sardines on toast for supper."

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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"How does she sound now, Doc? I've quit worryin' even about how I'm gonna pay your bill!"

Life Of An Ex-King In Exile

(By Louis C. Lupi)

These once proud, homes range from palaces with 50 bedrooms that cost up to several hundred thousand dollars down to smaller showplaces of only 20 rooms or so priced around \$50,000.

Real estate dealers say that they have scores of these properties listed on their books. There are no sales because no one is able to afford the up of them as residences.

"The larger houses would need staffs of anything up to 100 servants or more to run them properly," they said. "Some of them have been empty so long that they would need extensive major repairs costing thousands."

"Others were badly damaged during the war by Armed Service personnel which took them over for temporary wartime headquarters."

"Most owners hope," the real estate men say, "that when building materials and labour will be used for schools, hospitals, hotels, headquarters for business and industrial concerns, or by civic organisations as community centres."

Most of these mansions are historic period houses once occupied by Britain's leading families. One, an 18th Century house of 40 rooms, set in 20 acres of park land with a private lake, paddocks, and stables.

Some of the homes are hidden deep in the countryside, surrounded by parks and trees. Others are found two or three miles from highways, down narrow winding lanes. One huge Georgian country seat has been empty for 10 years.

"Owners of this type of property," says one agent, "see some hope in Britain's plan for satellite towns. If industry is dispersed, it is quite possible some of these mansions may be used as headquarters of the larger business concerns."

Frankfurt, Dec. 28. Former political, economic and military leaders of the world's greatest military dictatorship were paroled this week by USFET headquarters will be protected by the American Army from German de-Nazification proceedings.

They are members of the German General Staff, the Reich Cabinet and Storm Troopers, organisations judged not to be criminal by the Nuremberg military tribunal.

Theoretically, an USFET informant official explained, these paroled—who a few years ago controlled almost half of the world—are still prisoners of the Americans although they may move about at will.

The German de-Nazification law did not take cognizance of the Nuremberg verdict which acquitted the groups as criminal. It is understood here that both USFET and Military Government headquarters in Berlin are studying a proposal which will call for a change in the de-Nazification law completely exonerating these three groups under German law.

—United Press.

New York, Dec. 28. Max Warburg, 79, former prominent Hamburg International banker, died today. He was active in economic and political affairs in pre-Hitler Germany.—United Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

DON'T WASTE AN HONOR

The diamond Q was led from the dummy. East covered it with the K and the A won. Then South realized he was a beaten man, for he could not possibly drop both the 10 and the 9 with his play of the Q. Having discarded a heart from dummy and a diamond from his own hand on the fourth spade, he saw that his sole remaining chance was to shut out the club J. He decided the best chance for that was to find it in a hand containing three, instead of five, against it. But, as the cards lay, no play would have caught it, so he was down one.

Correct technique with the diamond finesse would have made his contract. That would have been to lead a small one and finesse the J, then lay down the A and hope the K was now singleton. That would have worked, leaving his diamond Q good, and absolutely nothing to lose by playing the diamonds that way.

S. 10 5 4
H. K 9 8
D. Q 7 6
C. K Q 10 6

S. K J 9 8
H. 10 8 4
D. P 8 5
C. 9 5 2

S. A 3 2
H. 7 5 3 2
D. K 10
C. J 7 4 3

S. Q 8 7
H. A Q J
D. A 6 4 2
C. A 8

(Dealer: East. East-West vulnerable.)

East South West North
Pass 1 D Pass 2 C
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT
West led the spade 8 to the A, and the returned spade enabled the defense to have the first four tricks in a hurry, so that South had to get the rest of them. He won the next lead of a heart in the dummy, and then went after the diamond finesse on which the contract depended. But he did it in the wrong way, and right there learned a lesson he will not soon forget.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. K 6
H. 10 9 7
D. J 10 7 4
C. A 9 8 5

S. 9 7 5
H. A J 6 4
D. K 8 3
C. Q J 7

S. A Q 10
H. K Q 5 3 2
D. Q 6 5
C. 10

(Dealer: West. Both sides vulnerable.)

If West leads a club at every opportunity, how should South play to make 4-Hearts?

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Tragic Scenes After Air Crash

Graphic Stories Of Disaster

Shannon Airport, Dec. 28. Amid scenes reminiscent of a battlefield Irish Army emergency crews tonight drove away in lorries the bodies of twelve people—mostly French or American—killed when the Paris-New York Constellation airliner, "Star of Cairo" crashed on a lonely island in Fergus Island near this airport.

All day rescue squads toiled knee deep in treacherous bog mud to extricate the dead and injured passengers and the crew of the airliner, totalling 23, which exploded with a blinding flash before bursting into flames on the island early today.

The airport doctor, James O'Boyle, who lost his shoes in the mud, treated the injured as they lay where the explosion had flung them before they could be removed to hospital.

Local boatmen brought from their beds ferried the victims in flat bottomed vessels to the mainland where they were carried across a further stretch of marshland to ambulances and lorries.

One of the first on the scene, Michael Donnellan, servant boy at a nearby farm, tonight told a graphic story of the early hours after the crash. "After a great explosion," he said, "I ran to the scene, scrambling across mud and through the river. I was horrified when I fell over a dead man who had been blown 75 yards from the wreckage. I was making in the direction from which the cries of a baby had been coming, when I fell over several injured people who were moaning."

Blown Clean Out

Donnellan said that he found the four and a half months old baby, Charles Delaby, nestled in the rushes by the riverside. The baby had been blown clean out of the aircraft.

"As I got to it, an air hostess, Catherine Ferguson, herself injured, took the baby in her arms. Still clutching it, she attempted to attend to the injured," he added.

"One of the dead was a young woman whose miniskirt was bloodstained. An air expert said tonight: 'It would appear that those who had their safety belts tied were the ones who were lacerated from the hips'."

Air hostess Ferguson was the first survivor to reach Shannon airport. She still had baby Delaby in her arms. He had a broken thigh, his face was covered in mud, but is expected to survive.

Herself covered in mud and suffering from shock and abrasions, Ferguson said: "We had just told the passengers to fasten their safety belts and prepare for landing when the crash occurred. That is the last I remember until I got out of the aircraft. The last thing I was there was how the baby was."

Blinding Flash

Mrs. Delaby, who received burns and injuries to her lower limbs, was flying to join her United States soldier husband in New York.

Night workers at the airport said that the explosion "shook the very foundations of the airport buildings and occurred simultaneously with a great blinding flash, which rose in red flames to a height of several hundred feet."

The injured were taken to St. John's Hospital and Barrington Hospital in Limerick and to Clare County Hospital, Ennis.

Trans-world Airways at Shannon gave the following details of the nine passengers who were killed: Francois Salabert, French, music publisher and composer, 21 Avenue D'Enn, Paris; Marie Zelaznagora, French, of New York, mother of a 12-year-old boy, who survived; Maurice Simon, Picard,

French, of Flushing, New York; Lucienne Simone Clerc, French; Pierre Dreyfus, French, New York; and Koesel, Polish, merchant of New York; and three Americans, Alan Charles Lanyon, Washington; Clementine Jeanne Pugh, Philadelphia; and Alexander Pekelis, New York.

Those of the crew who were killed were: Navigator Robert Osterburg; Flight-Engineer Walter McBride of Alexandria, Virginia; and Radio-operator Herbert Burmeister of Washington.

Inquiry Ordered

The injured are: Passengers; Gunther Lubinski, French, engineer of Paris, Jean Claude Zelaznagora, 12-year-old French boy, Davis Stannbaum, American, of New York, Charles Bruce Delaby and his mother, Edith Augustine Delaby; Crew: Radio-officer Dudley Hill, Captain Herbert Tansey (pilot), Flight-superintendent William Teale of Washington, Flight-officer Clifford Sparrow, Joseph Logan of Atlantic City, New Jersey, and Air-hostess Catherine Ferguson of New York.

A report from Washington tonight said that the United States Civil Aeronautical Administration has ordered an immediate investigation into today's crash. The chief safety officer at the Administration's London office has been ordered to the scene of the crash to make preliminary reports.

Officials here declined to discuss the question of whether the crash might lead to further grounding of Constellations as happened last July when a Constellation blew up in midair with the loss of five lives. The C.A.A. then ordered all Constellations to be grounded—and British Overseas Airways followed suit—pending an enquiry. Two weeks later certificates of airworthiness were issued and the planes took to the air again after several major modifications had been made. —Reuter.

Narrow Miss

Shannon, Dec. 28. An immediate inquiry is underway to determine the cause of the crash.

It was learned that the plane developed difficulties shortly after leaving the airfield in Paris but the nature was not immediately known. The fact that the stewardesses seeing the danger ordered the passengers to fasten their safety belts probably had prevented a higher death toll.

Capt. Herbert Tansey, pilot of the plane, was believed to have tried to bring the plane down on the flat fields adjoining the river. The plane broke apart and exploded when it hit the mud island as it missed reaching the field by little more than 100 yards.

The blast, following the crash, shook Shannon airport, three miles distant. The passengers and crew scattered over a radius of 50 yards. Emergency stretchers were rigged to carry survivors from the wreckage to boats. —United Press.

Another Crash

Michigan City, Indiana, Dec. 28. An American Airlines plane crashed-landed today three miles

DANGER SPOTS

New York, Dec. 28. The newspaper PM, in a world affairs prediction for 1947 by editorialist Max W. W. W., asserts there are two danger spots in view for next year. One is in China, with the possibility of protracted civil war and large scale military operations. The other danger spot is in the settlement of the atomic energy disputes between Russia and the United States, which may persist even after a full disarmament agreement is reached. —United Press.

from here while on its way from Buffalo, New York to Chicago. First reports indicated that several of the 21 persons on board were injured but it is not yet known if any were killed.

Later, however, a report issued by American Airlines said that the pilot and co-pilot of the plane were killed and the 21 passengers were all detained in hospital.

The aircraft crashed after the pilot had sent a wireless message saying that he was having trouble with both engines of the machine. —Reuter.

POWER CUTS WARNING

Hamburg, Dec. 28. A warning of possible power cuts in Hamburg industries was given today by Herr Borgner, member of the Hamburg Senate in charge of Economic Affairs. He said the supplies of Hamburg power station will be exhausted within five or six days. They had already had to start digging into their reserves. Addressing city officials, Herr Borgner said that households must have absolute priority and therefore it might be necessary to make a partial or total power cut in certain industries. —Reuter.

Next Year May Be Golden Year

London, Dec. 28. If Russia has decided that in the coming year she is to march in friendship and common purpose with Britain and America, 1947 may well take its place in history as one of the golden years, declares an editorial in today's Sunday Express.

"Soviet Russia, after what has seemed to the Western Democracies long hesitation and often inexplicable obduracy, is moving into step with us down the long road to peace and a world restored, re-energised and sane," the editorial says.

Recalling that a month ago the New York Foreign Ministers meeting was deadlocked, the editorial says: "Suddenly, in a matter of hours, the Russian attitude changed. A spirit of friendliness and co-operation was born. Within days, the conference that seemed doomed to failure was able to conclude the five peace treaties with Germany's former satellite states and to fix Moscow as the place for its next meeting in March to tackle the all important problem of Germany's future."

"Who made that tremendous change possible? M. Vyshinsky has revealed that it was Marshal Stalin who directed the delegation's every move. The change of policy which means so much for the future of men was his."

"And what follows it? An invitation to Field Marshal Montgomery to visit Russia and study the Red Army, around which so much mischievous mystery has developed."

"Further there are also clear signs that Stalin does not intend the Moscow conference to end in failure. Closer co-operation in Germany is already developing. Russia is now showing an inclination to meet the views of the Western Allies who shared victory with her and with her must also shape the future."

"It is the hope of all of us that these signs and portents will grow as the New Year ahead of us moves to maturity." —Reuter.

Food Riots In Italy

Rome, Dec. 28. Food riots spread to the small town of Palmi, in the toe of the Italian boot, as reports reached Rome—crippled by a strike of general strikes called in Cosenza and Paola, Bari, the scene of yesterday's violent demonstrations, was quiet tonight but a group of veterans was reported to have seized an electric power plant at Naples demanding to be employed.

Today a mob of 2,000 carrying red flags stormed the railway station at Palmi, overcame police and railroad personnel, blocked off the tracks with large boulders and seized a dozen freight cars laden with food for other towns. Three cars loaded with flour were taken to the Palmi communal granaries for equal distribution to the population. —United Press.

Medal For UNRRA

Athens, Dec. 28. The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Mission to Greece was today awarded a silver medal of honour by the Athens Academy at a ceremony attended by King George of the Hellenes, Crown Prince Paul and some Cabinet Ministers.

The diploma, written in ancient Greek, expresses "Greece's gratitude to the United Nations who after liberation saved the Greek people who were threatened by starvation."

Colonel D. E. Wright, chief of UNRRA's anti-malaria programme in Greece, was awarded the same medal for his successful anti-malaria activity here.

UNRRA's programme in this direction has already achieved this year an 80 per cent reduction in malaria. —Reuter.

Paris, Dec. 28. The Ile de France left Cherbourg yesterday with 9,000 troops and their families bound for Morocco, after which the French liner will return to Toulon for brief repairs before departing for Indo-China with 9,000 soldiers. Associated Press.

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RACE TO GRAB LAND IN ANTARCTIC WASTES

London, Dec. 28. Eight powers will join in an "international race" to Antarctica in the hope of finding deposits of uranium, coal and possibly gold, which may be hidden under the south polar ice-cap, the Sunday Times correspondent reports from Sydney.

The Australian Government is joining the race, which may develop into the world's last great rush by the major powers to divide the resources of a new continent, the correspondent adds.

Great Britain and the United States, he points out, have already expeditions in the field, and Russia, Argentina, South Africa, Chile and Norway are reported to be planning further expeditions.

The Australian Government has decided to send a naval scientific expedition in the New Year, complete with aircraft for observation and mapping. Long-term scientific observations will be undertaken within 2,500,000 square miles of Australian polar dependency.

"This white, silent wasteland is still almost completely unexplored but scientists have reason to believe that deposits of uranium, coal and possibly gold may be hidden under the ice," the correspondent says.

"Well-informed Australian sources tell me that despite any official denials, there is an international race to the South—now of really historic proportions. Thus eight teams of geologists, meteorologists and

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36 HOURS IN AIR BUBBLE

Moscow, Dec. 28. Two workers, Boev and Dimichev, lived 36 hours in an air bubble formed by one of the tubes when a dredge captured in a heavy storm near Kholmopol on the Anzhar River.

Diver Andrei Fomenko finally reached the men, helped them into diving helmets and brought them to the surface.—United Press.

polar experts will be operating simultaneously in territory that had been virtually ignored until uranium assumed such tremendous international importance during the war.

It is asked if it is logical that eight world powers should simultaneously develop such interest in south polar meteorology as to organize expensive expeditions there, the correspondent says.

Vitality Important

Authoritative opinion is that the reasons are:

Firstly, uranium's vital importance.

Secondly, development for the first time of scientific methods and instruments that make prospecting feasible.

Thirdly, development of cold-weather mining methods that would permit exploitation of any discoveries.

After saying that apart from minerals Australia is becoming increasingly aware, as are also Britain and the United States, of the value of the Antarctic whaling industry, the correspondent adds that plans are being considered by the Australian Cabinet which would entail the bringing to Australia of trained Scandinavian crews to provide the nucleus of an efficient whaling industry.—Reuter.

BOMBAY SILVER AND GOLD

Bombay, Dec. 28. Silver, ready 104 Rupees, 60 Annas per 100 tola. Forward (Jan. 7 settlement) 116.00. (Mar. 7 settlement) unquoted. Gold, Delivery 102.04 per tola. Forward 99.08. Sovereigns 65.08 each.—Reuter.

ARGENTINE GOLD

Buenos Aires, Dec. 28. Sovereigns, buyers 62.50, sellers 63.50; U.S. \$24.34, buyers 122.50, sellers 123.50; Gold, Bar, per gramme, buyers 6.25, sellers 6.37.—Reuter.

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